NOTE FOR: Lt. Gen. Wilson

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Mr. Bush

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3 February 1976

Attached is a letter for the DCI's signature to SecDef intended to get top-level DoD attention to the naming of a successor to Sam Wilson as the DCI's Community deputy.

For reasons not entirely clear, the processing of candidates for the job seems to be stuck in channels within DoD and JCS.

I personally (as the senior civilian on the IC Staff) am convinced that the Community deputy should be at least a 3-star military officer. DoD equities are large and need to feel they are well-represented at the DCI's side. (As a practical matter, any civilian deputy -- as attested by past experience -- will find it difficult if not impossible to insure substantial and continuing accomplishments in the Community environment when DoD interests are so heavily involved.)

Accordingly, the letter is drafted with this point in mind. It asks for particular consideration of either of two first-rate officers who would be entirely acceptable.

A letter at this time is necessary not only to unblock DoD's internal log jam but also to ensure we are not victimized by the nomination of unacceptable individuals.

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Attachment:

DCI Letter to SecDef

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld The Secretary of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Don:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your personal assistance in filling a position of key importance to both of us. The position is that of Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community. Its incumbent, a most able and competent officer, is Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson who will join Bob Ellsworth on 1 March as Bob's military deputy.

As you know, the Rockefeller Commission and other observers as well have recommended that the DCI have two deputies, one to help administer the Central Intelligence Agency and the other to aid in the coordination of Community-wide intelligence activities. I firmly support the idea. I also believe the Community deputy should be a military officer of at least 3-star rank. I say this in full recognition of the Defense Department's vital interests in the welfare and effectiveness of our national intelligence machinery.

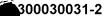
It is, of course, in our mutual interest to assign to this important task the best-qualified candidate we can find. Among candidates we would find particularly commodious are RADM Bobby Inman, currently the Director of Naval Intelligence, and MG David Bradburn, USAF, now assigned as Vice Commander of a unit at Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts.

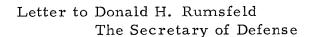
Because of Sam Wilson's imminent return to OSD and my own need to have the services of a full-time military deputy for the Community account, I would very much appreciate all you can do to expedite the posting of an agreed candidate who can take on this important work and -- from my standpoint -- the sooner the better for us both.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

George Bush





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